CITY OF SPRINGFIELD INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

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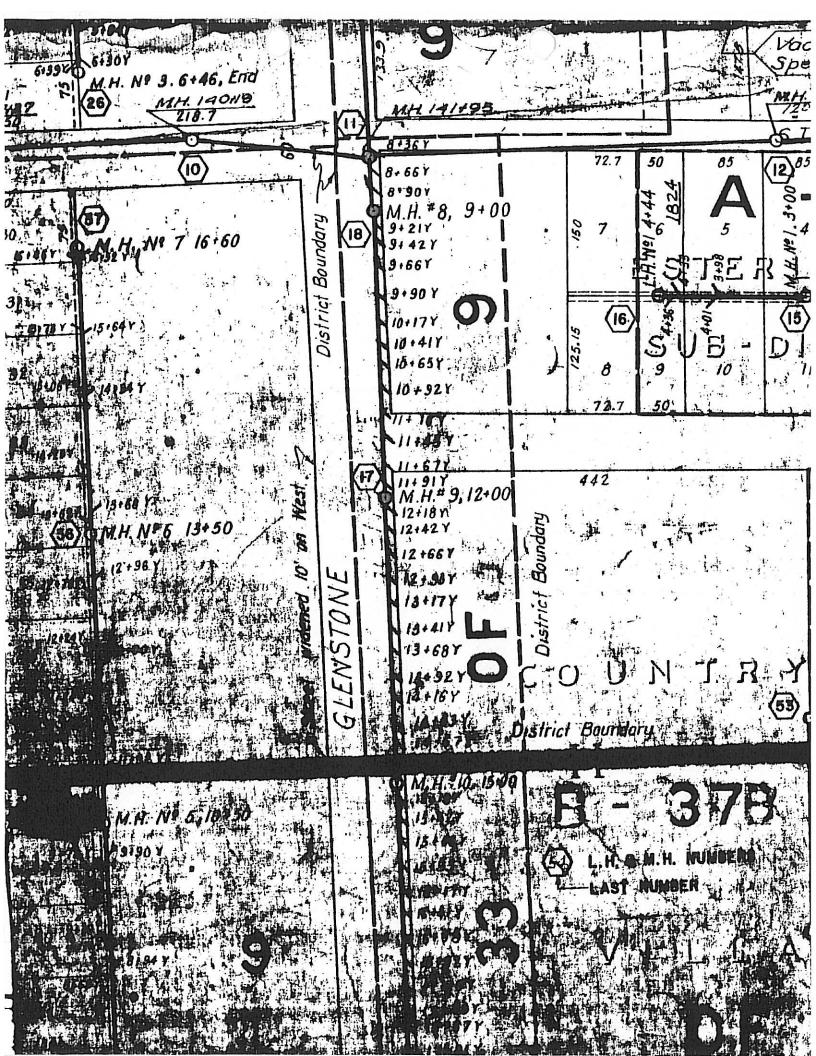
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cc: Karl Barke, Air Pollution

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On February 14, 1990, at 2:30 p.m. I received another call from the Planned Parenthood office. She said the odor had just started up again in the building. I immediately went to Glenstone to check some manholes. I got the following readings: MH 18 0% L.E.L. I opened this manhole and didn't smell the solvent odor.

MH 11 Ø% L.E.L.

MH 19 5% L.E.L. I opened this manhole and could smell an odor like gasoline.

MH 10 0% L.E.L.

MH 12 Ø% L.E.L.

I went into Palace Fabricare dry cleaners at 1400 S. Glenstone and talked to Dwayne Grimm, the manager. I asked him if he ever put any of the cleaning solvent down the sewer. He said he didn't and that it all evaporated off in the dry cleaning process. I went into the Planned Parenthood office and told them I didn't find any solvent odor in the City sewer.

On February 15, 1990 I called Karl Barke back and told him what I found out yesterday. It had been raining heavily all Wednesday night and rained until after noon on Thursday. Gene and I checked the following manholes:

MH 19 7% L.E.L. Gene just lifted the cover enough to stick in probe for the explosion meter.

MH 2Ø 2-3% L.E.L.

MH 11 0% L.E.L.

MH 21 0% L.E.L.

MH 29 Ø% L.E.L.

When we got back to the office, we told Randy what we had found.

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He suggested that we also check the line that the Amoco station at the corner of Glenstone and Bennett is tributary to tomorrow when we are checking sewer lines again.

On Friday, February 16, 1990, Gene and I checked the following manholes:

MH 19 5% L.E.L.

MH 20 2-3% L.E.L.

MH 27 0% L.E.L.

Cleanout between MH 25 and MH 26 0% L.E.L.

Amoco cleanout 0% L.E.L.

At 3:30 p.m. Karl Barke called and said that Brian from his office had responded to another complaint from Planned Parenthood yesterday. He said Brian lifted a suspended ceiling tile near the concrete wall in the north office and noticed it was not a firewall, it didn't go all the way to the roof. The Air Pollution section suggested that Planned Parenthood contact the owner of the building to have the problem checked and corrected.

Tuesday, February 20, 1990. MH 20 3% L.E.L.

Wednesday, February 21, 1990. MH 20 2% L.E.L.

Thursday, February 22, 1990 MH 20 5-7% L.E.L.(It had rained Wednesday night and this this morning)

Friday, February 23, 1990 MH 20 5% L.E.L.

Monday, February 26, 1990 MH 20 2.5% L.E.L.

Tuesday, February 27, 1990 MH 20 3-4% L.E.L.

Thursday, March 1, 1990 MH 20 4-5% L.E.L. It rained and snowed most of the day Wednesday.

Friday, March 2, 1990 MH 20 5% L.E.L.

Monday, March 5, 1990 MH 20 0% L.E.L.

Wednesday, March 7, 1990 MH 20 0-1% L.E.L.

Monday, March 12, 1990 MH 20 0% L.E.L. It rained heavily over the weekend. Thursday, March 15, 1990 MH 20 0% L.E.L. It rained heavily on Wednesday.

Friday March 16, 1990 MH 20 0% L.E.L.

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